

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE:** Rev. Mary McBride-Lee, Co-Chair; Milta Feliciano; Tom McCarthy; Robert Halstead

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair McBride Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present. The quorum was facilitated by Co-Chair McBride Lee and Council Member Enrique Torres.

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2015**

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 8, 2015 MEETING.**
- \*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**97-14 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT FOR THE SCHOOL READINESS GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PRESCHOOL SPACES FOR THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS WHO RESIDE IN THE CITY.**

Mandy Marshall, Lee Helmerich and Tina Peloso came forward.

President McCarthy requested a brief overview of the grant proposal. Ms. Marshall stated that the grant will provide preschool slots for 1700 students in the City of Bridgeport. She stated that it is a collaborative effort between the Board of Education slots and community slots, some of which include Precious Memories, and the YMCA. She stated that the program is designed to help children prepare both socially and academically for Kindergarten.

President McCarthy asked if this was an endeavor to move closer to universal Pre-K, and she stated that it is yet another step towards that.

Committee Member Feliciano inquired about the distribution of the slots between the Board of Education and community. Ms. Marshall stated that 469 are allotted to the Board of Education, while the remaining 1231 are community slots.

Committee Member McBride Lee inquired about the exact schools who received the Board of Education slots. Ms. Peloso named the 15 selected schools, as well as the names of the recipients of the community slots.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HALSTEAD MOVED TO GRANT ITEM 97-14 RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT FOR THE SCHOOL READINESS GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PRESCHOOL SPACES FOR THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS WHO RESIDE IN THE CITY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**104-14 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR AFTER SCHOOL GRANT.**

Tammy Papa came forward and stated that the application to the State Department of Education are ongoing, and this year they have submitted three applications to support the after-school programs for 9 Bridgeport area schools. She stated these grants help fund the program from 3 PM to 6 PM each day, with a combination of activities. Ms. Papa stated that the application reads 3 PM to 6 PM because some offer late pickup options, though the majority of the programs run to 5:30 PM. The additional half hour costs slightly more. The funding is not a match grant.

Committee Member Halstead asked if they ever work in collaboration with the Library on after school programs, and Ms. Papa stated they do not work with them often.

Committee Member McBride Lee asked if the funding had been received yet, and Ms. Papa stated that only the application had been put through so far.

Council President McCarthy noted that the National League of Cities stated that Bridgeport has one of the best after-school programs in the United States. Bridgeport and Ms. Papa received recognition, and he thanked Ms. Papa for her contribution.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO MOVED TO GRANT ITEM 104-14 RE: GRANT SUBMISSION RE: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR AFTER SCHOOL GRANT.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED THE MOTION.  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Ramos  
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